

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-5 and 7-20 are present in this application, and have been allowed. The Applicants greatly appreciate allowance of this application. Upon review of this application following allowance, the change made to claim 20 in the Preliminary Amendment filed on February 28, 2006 was not carried through to the Amendment filed on November 24, 2006. Claim 20 is amended, changing dependency from claim 1 to claim 18, as was intended in the February 28 amendment. This change is simply a minor formal matter.

It is respectfully submitted that entry of the present amendment is proper, and entry thereof is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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